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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: : GROUP ART UNIT: 1627

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SERIAL NO.: 09/938,728 : EXAMINER: Ralph J. Gitomer

FILED: August 27, 2001

FOR: COAGULATION ASSAY REAGENTS CONTAINING LANTHANIDES AND A
PROTEIN C ASSAY USING SUCH A LANTHANIDE-CONTAINING REAGENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated May 9, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse,
Group II, Claims 21-37, 57-61, drawn to a coagulation reagent, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-20, drawn to a coagulation assay method;
- Group II: Claims 21-37, 57-61 drawn to a coagulation reagent;
- Group III: Claims 38-41, 78-84 drawn to a kit; and
- Group IV: Claims 42-56, drawn to a system for coagulation assay.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 21-37, 57-61 drawn to a coagulation
reagent, for further prosecution.